

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/601,192

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

ALBERT, JEAN-PAUL

Art Unit

3612

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/2/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4 and 6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 March 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3/2/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**Examiner's Amendment and**  
**Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**  
*Allowance*

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Safran.

2. The application has been amended as per the attached Interview Summary and the attachment to the Interview Summary.

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allowance of the claims in this case, is the inclusion of the limitation "the outside surface of the compensation material running essentially parallel to and being positioned relative to a corresponding


section of the roof support surface in a manner defining a space of substantially constant height between said outside surface of the compensation material and said roof support surface for receiving a cement layer of constant thickness" in the independent claim, in combination with the other recited limitations in claims supported by this application, which are not found in the prior art of record.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Primary Examiner Kiran B. Patel whose telephone number is 703-305-0254. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:00 to 5:00. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF

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: Examiner: Kiran B. Patel

Application No. 10/601,192

: Group Art Unit: 3612

Filed: June 23, 2003

For: GLASS ROOF FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE :

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

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Sir:

The following is presented further response to the final Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned patent application relative to which an RCE was filed on February 22, 2005.



In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0020], on page 3 as follows:

[0020] The glass roof 1 shown in Figure 1 is designed to close an opening Q provided in a motor vehicle roof, a portion of which is represented in broken lines in Fig. 3. This opening is bordered, in the conventional manner, by a stop which forms the support surface S as indicated to the left of support surface S in Fig. 5, and the roof has a glass pane 2 with an inner peripheral surface 3 which can be cemented to the indicated support surface. The peripheral surface 3 here is defined as any surface located on the edge and on the inside of the glass pane 2.

Please amend paragraph [0026], on page 3 as follows:

[0001] Thus, each coated part has a shape which is essentially complementary to the corresponding section of the support surface S, so that it forms an ideal intermediate element for connection of these two elements which almost never complement one another in practice. Put another way, the coated parts 6a, 6b constitute compensation parts as described below. Furthermore, it goes without saying that uniformity and continuity of the cement layer C constitute essential criteria for faultless cementing.

Please amend paragraph [0030], on page 5 as follows:

[0030] As can be seen in Figures 2 & 3, each coated part 6a, 6b has at least one projecting part 8a, 8b which is made as a calibration stop, with a height which corresponds to the desired cement thickness. The free end of each calibration stop 8a, 8b is thus designed to come into contact with an upper side of the support surface. The presence of these projecting calibration stops 8a, 8b thus enables positioning of the coated glass pane 2 relative to the support surface at a certain relative distance which corresponds to the desired cement thickness. It is especially advantageous that along each coated part 6a, 6b, there are calibration stops 8a, 8b at regular intervals. Thus, as is particularly apparent from Fig. 5, coated part 6a, 6b with its projecting parts 8a, 8b, forms a compensation part with an outside surface engaging on an upper side of the roof support surface S and which compensates for

any faults, discontinuities or irregularities in said inner peripheral surface, the outside surface of the compensation material running essentially parallel to and being positioned relative to a corresponding section of the roof support surface S in a manner defining a space of substantially constant height between said outside surface of the compensation material and said roof support surface for receiving a cement layer C of constant thickness.



In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A glass roof, comprising a roof support surface (S) bounding a roof opening (O) and the roof having a glass pane (2) for closing the roof opening that is provided with an inner peripheral surface for cementing to the roof support surface, wherein at least part of the inner peripheral surface (3) at an underside of the glass pane is coated with a material forming at least one compensation part (6a, 6b) with an outside surface (end of projects 8a, 8b; see, Fig. 5) engaging on an upper side of the roof support surface (S) and which compensates for any faults, discontinuities or irregularities in said inner peripheral surface, the outside surface of the compensation material running essentially parallel to and being positioned relative to a corresponding section of the roof support surface (S) in a manner defining a space (C) of substantially constant height between said outside surface (5a, 5b) of the compensation material and said roof support surface (S) for receiving a cement layer (C) of constant thickness.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The glass roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein each coated part (6a, 6b) has at least one projecting part (8a, 8b) which is made as a calibration stop, with a height which corresponds to the desired cement thickness of the cement layer (C).

4. (Previously Presented) The glass roof as claimed in claim 3, wherein there are calibration stops (8a, 8ab) along each coated compensation part (6a, 6b) at uniform intervals.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The glass roof as claimed in claim 1, wherein there are calibration stops (8a, 8b) along each coated part (6a, 6b) at uniform intervals.


7. (Canceled).



REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 5 & 7 have been canceled and the remaining claims have been amended at the request of the Examiner to include parenthetical annotations reflecting the location of the claimed elements in the drawings. Furthermore, also at the Examiner's request, the replacement sheets of drawings have been provided to show the location of the roof open, and the specification has been amended to include reference to the added reference character for the opening as well as to add further comments and reference characters to further increase the correspondence between the language used in the specification and claims.

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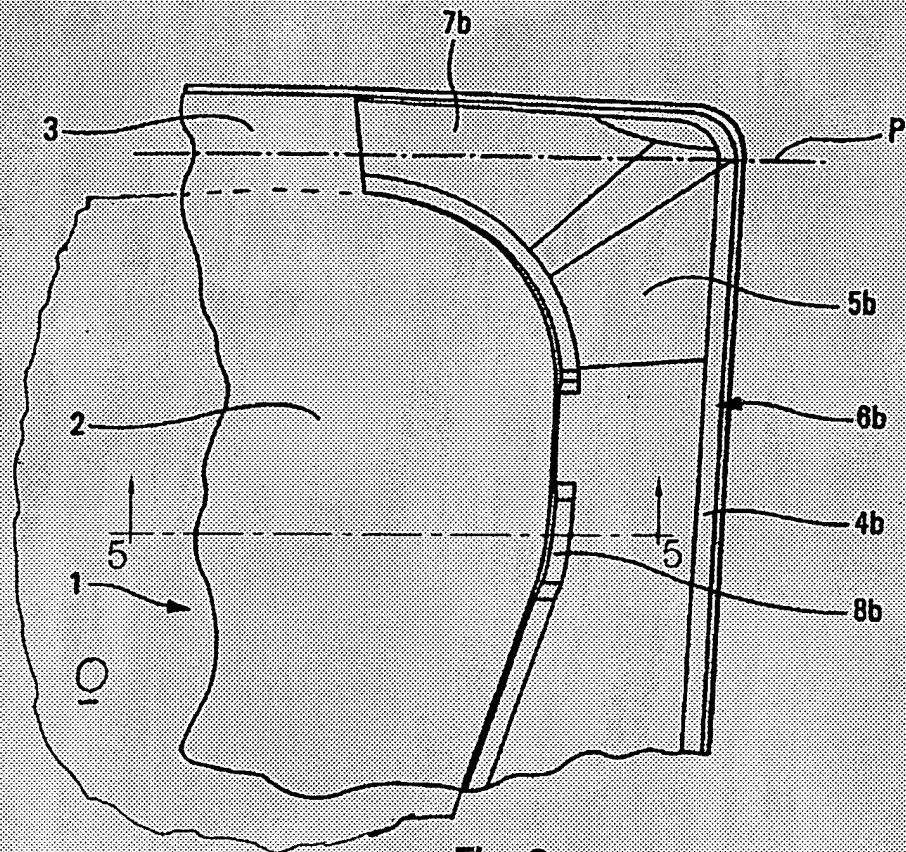


Fig. 3

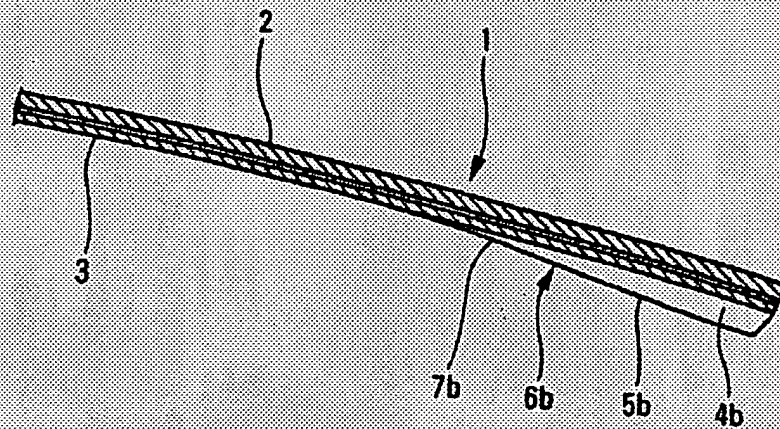


Fig. 4



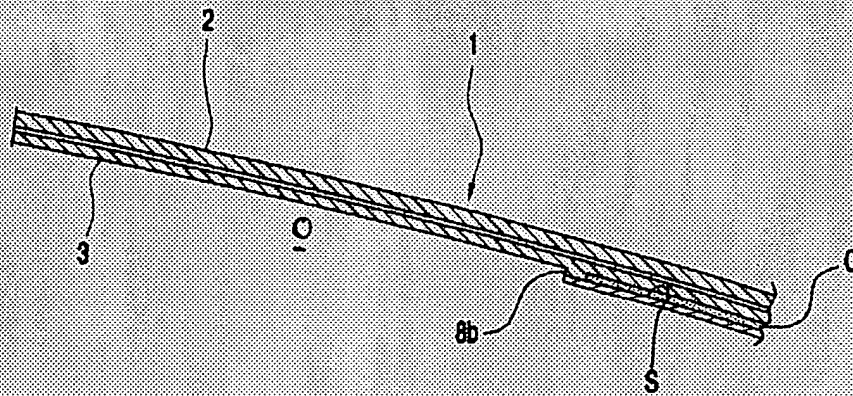


Fig. 5